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SENATOR BROMM: Senator Lindsay, can you clarify what you mean by line officers? Is that entry level or...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, it would be, let's see if I got my...

SENATOR BROMM: ...the I, II, and III, and...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right, right. You're talking about the probation officers I, II, III and senior. Above that you would have your chief deputy, your chief probation officer, those are...that have the more administrative type of duties, or at least cover the administrative duties that would not be covered, and the increase would be hitting...those PO trainees, probation officer I, II, III and senior probation officers.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you. This is a tough vote. Probation officers are absolutely an essential part of anything we do to improve the criminal system, and I have a great deal of respect for what they do for the amount of pay that they get. And they certainly deserve whatever we can give them. I'm distressed by the information that Senator Byars shares with us, and I guess it's a matter of coming down to determining which we think is the most important. And I also am not going to try to influence you in that regard, I think that's something we each have to decide for ourselves, and it's going to be a difficult decision. I told Senator Dierks I would...

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

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SENATOR BROMM: ...give him some time, if he wanted any of my time. Senator Dierks, do you want any of my time?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Are you finished? Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR LINDSAY: He gave it to Dierks.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Are you finished, Senators?

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Dierks, your light is next.

SENATOR DIERKS: I'm supposed to have a minute of Senator...